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Sen. Stamas meets with area firefighters

LANSING – State Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, recently met with members of several area fire departments – including departments from Frederic Township, Beaver Creek Township, Otsego Lake Township and Otsego County – for a question and answer session.

“The meeting was a great opportunity to listen to the questions and concerns of firefighters,” Stamas said. “As an elected official it is important I talk with my constituents and learn how I can assist them. I came away from the meeting with a better understanding of some of the critical issues facing the rural departments in my district.”

The question and answer session was attended by approximately 12 firefighters, including hosts Frederic Township Fire Department Chief Doug Pratt and Assistant Chief Ed Goscicki.

“I was pleased that I was able to bring fire chiefs from Crawford and Otsego counties together with Senator Stamas to discuss issues that affect not only local fire departments, but the fire service as a whole in northern Michigan,” Pratt said. “Senator Stamas has been a great ally in our fight for better funding of Michigan’s fire service.”

Also attending was Frederic Township Supervisor Jeff Kea. “I was very pleased that Senator Stamas could take time out of his busy schedule to meet with and listen to the needs of our firefighters and area fire chiefs,” Kea said.

Otsego County Fire Department Chief Tim Warren, Otsego Lake Township Fire Department Chief Joe Shelly and Beaver Creek Township Fire Department Chief Ed Holtcamp were also present, with several volunteer firefighters from the Frederic Township department attending as well.

“Firefighters risk their lives to protect us every day,” Stamas said. “It was a pleasure to spend an evening with such a devoted group of individuals.”

Following the question and answer session Pratt and Goscicki led Stamas on a tour of the Frederic Township department’s facilities.

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